

Accelerated Career Education (ACE) Program

CODE AUTHORITY: Chapter 260G, Code of Iowa

The purpose of the Accelerated Career Education (ACE) Program is to assist Iowa's community colleges to either establish or expand programs that train individuals in the highly-skilled occupations most needed by Iowa businesses.

Community College Agreements with Businesses

To be eligible for the ACE Program, a business must be engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for the purpose of manufacturing, processing, or assembling products; construction; conducting research and development; or providing services.

A participating business enters into an agreement with a community college to sponsor a specified number of seats in a specific training program. The business must agree to give hiring preference to students completing the program and to pay a hiring wage that is at least 200.0% of the federal poverty guideline for a family of two. If the business sponsors four or more seats, the business must agree to offer a job to at least 25.0% of those students, assuming they successfully complete the program.

Students enrolling in the program must agree to interview for open jobs with the sponsoring business.

Contributions from Businesses

The business pays the college an amount equal to 10.0% of the hiring wage and can then claim that amount in withholding tax credits when paying withholding taxes. The business must also match 20.0% of the college's costs for the program, pro-rated by the percentage of seats sponsored by the business. This may be in cash or an in-kind contribution.

Statute capped the annual amount of withholding tax credits at \$3.0 million in FY 2001 through FY 2003, \$4.0 million in FY 2004, and \$6.0 million thereafter. The Department of Economic Development allocates to each of the 15 community colleges a portion of the total credits available each year. The colleges "spend" those credits by entering into agreements with businesses that may not exceed five years in length but may be renewed.

Other Funding

In addition to withholding tax credits and matching contributions from sponsoring businesses, ACE programs can be funded through student payments (tuition, fees, special charges) and by moneys deposited in a college's Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund, established in Section 260C.18A, Code of Iowa. Section 260G.6, Code of Iowa, provides the administrative structure for appropriations to support ACE capital costs. The Department of Economic Development is authorized to allocate the funds among the colleges.

Funding History

Withholding Tax Credits – In FY 2001, FY 2002, and FY 2003, the amount of withholding tax credits available was capped at \$3.0 million. In FY 2004, the amount was capped at \$4.0 million. Since FY 2005, the amount has been capped at \$6.0 million annually. Actual withholding tax credits were awarded as follows:

- FY 2003 - \$2.9 million
- FY 2004 - \$3.9 million
- FY 2005 - \$5.8 million
- FY 2006 - \$3.9 million

Infrastructure Appropriations – The capital costs of ACE programs at the community colleges have been funded as follows:

- FY 2000 - \$7.5 million from the Rebuilding Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) (as an allocation out of an appropriation for the Physical Infrastructure Assistance Program)
- FY 2001 - \$5.3 million from the RIIF
- FY 2002 - \$2.5 million from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund Restricted Capital Fund (RCF)
- FY 2003 - \$2.5 million from the RCF
- FY 2004 - \$5.5 million (\$3.0 million from the RIIF and \$2.5 million from the RCF)
- FY 2005 - \$5.5 million from the RIIF
- FY 2006 - \$5.5 million (\$1.5 million from the RCF and \$4.0 million from the Vertical Infrastructure Fund)
- FY 2007 - \$5.5 million from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund Endowment for Iowa's Health Restricted Capital Fund (RC2)

The Governor is recommending no funding for ACE infrastructure in FY 2008.

The Department of Economic Development has allocated the infrastructure funds each year based upon enrollment. Unused funds at any particular college are reallocated among other community colleges that have additional needs. The attached spreadsheet details the allocation and use of these funds.

**ACE/PIAP
Allocation Log**

\$34,298,959.00 \$34,832,319.82 \$533,360.82 \$25,070,967.36 \$9,761,352.46 \$533,360.82

Program	Contract #	Award Amount	Appropriation	Balance	Drawn	Undrawn Award Balance	
FY 00 Allocation			\$7,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00			\$9,761,352
Information Technology Program	00-ACE-13 (niacc)	\$200,000.00		\$7,300,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Dairy Management/Operation Program	00-ACE-02 (nice)	\$400,000.00		\$6,900,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	C
Iowa Bioprocess Training Program	00-ACE-07 (ihcc)	\$300,000.00		\$6,600,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	C
Business & Organizational Leadership Program	00-ACE-09 (secc)	\$200,000.00		\$6,400,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Residential/Commercial Carpentry Program	00-ACE-11 (iccc)	\$350,000.00		\$6,050,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	C
IT/Transportation/Industrial Maint Program	00-ACE-14 (wit)	\$525,000.00		\$5,525,000.00	\$525,000.00	\$0.00	C
General Machining	00-ACE-03 (ncc)	\$200,000.00		\$5,325,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Building Trades Program	00-ACE-15 (iwcc)	\$200,000.00		\$5,125,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Information Technology Program	00-ACE-01 (kcc)	\$1,500,000.00		\$3,625,000.00	\$1,084,500.00	\$415,500.00	C
Information Technology Program	00-ACE-06 (dmacc)	\$1,500,000.00		\$2,125,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00	C
Advanced Mfg Program	00-ACE-05 (eicc)	\$1,200,000.00		\$925,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Industrial Maint Tech	00-ACE-08 (ivcc)	\$200,000.00		\$725,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Agricultural Chemical	00-ACE-10 (swcc)	\$200,000.00		\$525,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Automotive Technology Program	00-ACE-12 (hcc)	\$325,000.00		\$200,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00	C
Welding Tech Lab	00-ACE-04 (ilcc)	\$200,000.00		\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	C
Unused Awarded Funds			\$415,500.00	\$415,500.00			
FY 01 Allocation			\$5,300,000.00	\$5,715,500.00			
Technology Studies/Mfg Tech Program	01-ACE-02 (eicc)	\$500,000.00		\$5,215,500.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	C
Information Technology Program	01-ACE-03 (hcc)	\$345,000.00		\$4,870,500.00	\$345,000.00	\$0.00	C
Industrial Maintenance Tech Program	01-ACE-04 (iccc)	\$400,000.00		\$4,470,500.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	C
Industrial & Mfg Tech Program	01-ACE-05 (ilcc)	\$500,000.00		\$3,970,500.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	C
Dietetic Technician Program	01-ACE-06 (ivcc)	\$353,333.00		\$3,617,167.00	\$353,333.00	\$0.00	C
Information Technology Program	01-ACE-07 (niacc)	\$353,333.00		\$3,263,834.00	\$353,333.00	\$0.00	C
Associate Degree Nursing Program	01-ACE-08 (nice)	\$353,333.00		\$2,910,501.00	\$353,333.00	\$0.00	C
Electrical/Electronic Program	01-ACE-09 (ncc)	\$400,000.00		\$2,510,501.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	C
CNC Operator/Programmer & CAM Programmer	01-ACE-10 (secc)	\$300,000.00		\$2,210,501.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	C
Manufacturing Technology Program	01-ACE-11 (swcc)	\$400,000.00		\$1,810,501.00	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	C
Automotive Technology Program	01-ACE-12 (kcc)	\$270,000.00		\$1,540,501.00	\$44,820.00	\$225,180.00	
Diesel Truck Technology Program	01-ACE-13 (kcc)	\$183,333.00		\$1,357,168.00	\$18,333.00	\$165,000.00	
Aviation Maintenance Training Program	01-ACE-14 (iwcc)	\$488,335.00		\$868,833.00	\$488,334.00	\$1.00	C
Integrated Manufacturing Program	01-ACE-15 (nice)	\$100,000.00		\$768,833.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	
Information Technology Program	01-ACE-16 (dmacc)	\$296,833.00		\$472,000.00	\$296,833.00	\$0.00	
Civil Engineering Technology Program	01-ACE-17 (dmacc)	\$56,500.00		\$415,500.00	\$56,500.00	\$0.00	
Unused Awarded Funds			\$1.00	\$415,501.00			
FY 02 Allocation			\$2,500,000.00	\$2,915,501.00			

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Program	Contract #	Award Amount	Appropriation	Balance	Drawn	Undrawn Award	
						Balance	\$9,761,352
Process Control Tech Certification Program	02-ACE-01 (ihcc)	\$166,667.00		\$2,748,834.00	\$166,637.00	\$30.00	
Industrial Maintenance Program	02-ACE-02 (secc)	\$166,667.00		\$2,582,167.00	\$166,667.00	\$0.00	C
Construction Technology Program	02-ACE-03 (ivcc)	\$166,667.00		\$2,415,500.00	\$166,667.00	\$0.00	
ADN Nursing Program	02-ACE-04 (nice)	\$206,157.00		\$2,209,343.00	\$206,157.00	\$0.00	C
ADN Nursing Program	02-ACE-05 (kcc)	\$284,257.00		\$1,925,086.00	\$284,257.00	\$0.00	C
Industrial Maintenance Program	02-ACE-06 (iccc)	\$255,977.00		\$1,669,109.00	\$255,977.00	\$0.00	C
Electronic Engineering Mechanical Program	02-ACE-07 (hcc)	\$194,667.00		\$1,474,442.00	\$173,719.00	\$20,948.00	
ADN Nursing Program	02-ACE-08 (ncc)	\$291,837.00		\$1,182,605.00	\$291,837.00	\$0.00	
Chrysler Apprenticeship Program	02-ACE-09 (dmacc)	\$291,837.00		\$890,768.00	\$291,837.00	\$0.00	
Business Systems Networking	02-ACE-10 (swcc)	\$204,667.00		\$686,101.00	\$72,804.00	\$131,863.00	
Nursing & Surgical Programs	02-ACE-11 (iwcc)	\$269,600.00		\$416,501.00	\$269,110.00	\$490.00	
Unused Awarded Funds				\$0.00	\$416,501.00		
FY 03 Allocation			\$2,500,000.00	\$2,916,501.00			
Health Care Program	03-ACE-DMACC-01	\$192,307.00		\$2,724,194.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	C
Practical Nursing Program	03-ACE-NCC-10	\$192,307.00		\$2,531,887.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Automotive Technology Program	03-ACE-IWCC-05	\$192,307.00		\$2,339,580.00	\$192,306.54	\$0.46	
Nursing Education Program	03-ACE-SWCC-09	\$192,307.00		\$2,147,273.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
EHC2 PN & ADN Nursing	03-ACE-HCC-03	\$192,307.00		\$1,954,966.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Rural Health Education Partnership	03-ACE-IHCC-08	\$192,307.00		\$1,762,659.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Precision Agriculture Program	03-ACE-ILCC-06	\$192,307.00		\$1,570,352.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Horticulture Program	03-ACE-SECC-07	\$192,307.00		\$1,378,045.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Computer Analyst Graphic Arts	03-ACE-NICC-12	\$192,307.00		\$1,185,738.00	\$75,488.18	\$116,818.82	C
Automotive Technology Program	03-ACE-ICCC-04	\$192,307.00		\$993,431.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Nursing ADN Program	03-ACE-KCC-13	\$192,307.00		\$801,124.00	\$192,307.00	\$0.00	
Construction Specialties	03-ACE-WITCC-11	\$192,307.00		\$608,817.00	\$0.00	\$192,307.00	
Professional Truck Driving	03-ACE-EICC-02	\$192,307.00		\$416,510.00	\$0.00	\$192,307.00	
Unused Awarded Funds			\$116,818.82	\$533,328.82			
FY 04 Allocation			\$5,500,000.00	\$6,033,328.82			
Child Development/Pediatric Education Center	04-ACE-NICC-01	\$366,666.00		\$5,666,662.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Hospitality Food Service	04-ACE-NIACC-02	\$366,666.00		\$5,299,996.82	\$348,356.55	\$18,309.45	
Wind Energy & Turbine Tech Program	04-ACE-ILCC-03	\$366,666.00		\$4,933,330.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Associate Degree Nursing Program	04-ACE-NCC-04	\$366,666.00		\$4,566,664.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Transportation Technology Program	04-ACE-ICCC-05	\$366,666.00		\$4,199,998.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Construction Technology Program	04-ACE-IVCC-06	\$366,666.00		\$3,833,332.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Cedar Valley Tech Works EMC2	04-ACE-HCC-07	\$366,666.00		\$3,466,666.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Culinary Arts Chef's Apprenticeship Program	04-ACE-EICC-09	\$366,666.00		\$3,100,000.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Associate Degree Nursing Program	04-ACE-KCC-10	\$366,666.00		\$2,733,334.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Culinary Arts Program	04-ACE-DMACC-11	\$366,666.00		\$2,366,668.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Emergency Medical Paramedic Specialist	04-ACE-WITCC-12	\$366,666.00		\$2,000,002.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Turf & Landscape Management Program	04-ACE-IWCC-13	\$366,666.00		\$1,633,336.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	

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						Balance	\$9,761,352
Nursing Education Program	04-ACE-SWCC-14	\$366,666.00		\$1,266,670.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Rural Health Education Partnership	04-ACE-IHCC-15	\$366,666.00		\$900,004.82	\$366,665.97	\$0.03	
Construction Technology Program	04-ACE-SECC-16	\$366,666.00		\$533,338.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Unused Awarded Funds			\$0.00	\$533,338.82			
FY 05 Allocation			\$5,500,000.00	\$6,033,338.82			
Rural Health Education Partnership	05-ACE-IHCC-01	\$366,666.00		\$5,666,672.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Construction Technology Program	05-ACE-SECC-02	\$366,666.00		\$5,300,006.82	\$366,116.00	\$550.00	
Health Care Program	05-ACE-DMACC-03	\$366,666.00		\$4,933,340.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Mechatronic Technology Program	05-ACE-EICC-04	\$366,666.00		\$4,566,674.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
IT Professional Certificate Program	05-ACE-HCC-05	\$366,666.00		\$4,200,008.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Transportation Technology Program	05-ACE-ICCC-06	\$178,333.00		\$4,021,675.82	\$178,333.00	\$0.00	
Biomass Energy Processing Program	05-ACE-ILCC-07	\$366,666.00		\$3,655,009.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Diesel Technology Program	05-ACE-IWCC-08	\$366,666.00		\$3,288,343.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Biotechnology Laboratory Program	05-ACE-IVCC-09	\$366,666.00		\$2,921,677.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Nursing Program	05-ACE-KCC-10	\$366,666.00		\$2,555,011.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Radiology Technician Program	05-ACE-NCC-11	\$366,666.00		\$2,188,345.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Hospitality Food Service	05-ACE-NIACC-12	\$366,666.00		\$1,821,679.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Massage Therapy Program	05-ACE-NICC-13	\$100,000.00		\$1,721,679.82	\$24,034.83	\$75,965.17	
Nursing Education Program	05-ACE-SWCC-14	\$366,666.00		\$1,355,013.82	\$366,666.00	\$0.00	
Transportation Technology Program	05-ACE-WITCC-15	\$366,666.00		\$988,347.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Dental Hygienist Program	05-ACE-ICCC-16	\$188,333.00		\$800,014.82	\$188,333.00	\$0.00	
Welding Program	05-ACE-NICC-17	\$266,666.00		\$533,348.82	\$342,631.17	(\$75,965.17)	
Unused Awarded Funds			\$0.00	\$533,348.82			
FY 06 Allocation			\$5,500,000.00	\$6,033,348.82			
Gas Utility Technology Program	06-ACE-NICC-25	\$366,666.00		\$5,666,682.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Nursing Program	06-ACE-ILCC-26	\$366,666.00		\$5,300,016.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Radiology Technician Program	06-ACE-NCC-27	\$422,221.00		\$4,877,795.82	\$0.00	\$422,221.00	
Maintenance Electrician Program	06-ACE-ICCC-28	\$290,000.00		\$4,587,795.82	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	
Transportation Technology Program	06-ACE-ICCC-39	\$110,000.00		\$4,477,795.82			
Biotechnology Laboratory Program	06-ACE-IVCC-29	\$366,666.00		\$4,111,129.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Cedar Valley Tech Works	06-ACE-HCC-30	\$422,221.00		\$3,688,908.82	\$0.00	\$422,221.00	
Dental Hygiene Technology Program	06-ACE-EICC-31	\$366,666.00		\$3,322,242.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Nursing Program	06-ACE-KCC-32	\$366,666.00		\$2,955,576.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Health Care Program	06-ACE-DMACC-33	\$422,221.00		\$2,533,355.82	\$0.00	\$422,221.00	
Transportation Technology Program	06-ACE-WITCC-34	\$366,666.00		\$2,166,689.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Advanced Placement ADN Program	06-ACE-IWCC-35	\$366,666.00		\$1,800,023.82	\$0.00	\$366,666.00	
Nursing Education Program	06-ACE-SWCC-36	\$422,221.00		\$1,377,802.82	\$422,221.00	\$0.00	
Rural Health Education Partnership	06-ACE-IHCC-37	\$422,221.00		\$955,581.82	\$422,221.00	\$0.00	
Construction Technology Program	06-ACE-SECC-38	\$422,221.00		\$533,360.82	\$206,853.12	\$215,367.88	
Unused Awarded Funds			\$0.00	\$533,360.82			